ISOLATION 2·16·73

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I've got to get myself out of here before my parents drop any more of their atomic bombs on me. Also all motivating blood must [illegible] real DR. soon.

The waitress give me mail personally and one of them gave me a pack of cigarettes at 3 AM. Have you ever decorated walls with a broken leg? Boy! That was a good deed! I'm the only Jew in here, I don't think any other has ever been in this jail. You'll never believe this Harold, but I found crammed way down between my trunk & the wall a book of Psalms (King James Version) but how was I David's. Got this Harold, I just snapped it open & what did I find; PSALM VI 2:

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